scale in the grade of Stenographer Grade D in CA reference number 11 of 1992.

9. Discussion on Resolution seeking approval to the rejection of the Award of Board of Arbitration for grant of special pay to Private Secretaries (merged grades 'A' and 'B' of CSSS) in CA reference number 2 of 1991.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE - *Contd.*

Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE-PATIL): Sir, I am sorry I was not present earlier. I was busy in the other House.

I lay on the Table, under clause (1) of Article 151 of Constitution, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports:

(i) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 2000 (No. 4 of 2001) Union Government (Civil) Autonomous Bodies. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. - 3968/01]

(ii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 2000 (No. 9 of 2001) Union Government (Railways). [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. - 3969/01]

(iii) Appropriation Accounts of Railways for the year 1999-2000. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. - 3972/01]

(iv) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 2000 (No. 12 of 2001) Union Government (Direct Taxes). [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. - 3970/01]

(iv) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 2000 (No. 12A of 2001) Union Government (Direct Taxes) System Appraisals. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. - 3971/01]

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Controversial clinical trial conducted in Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN (Kerala): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of this House to a controversial clinical trial conducted by the Regional Cancer Centre in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, U.S. It has become a serious controversy receiving international media attention that banned drugs are applied on patients in connection with a clinical study on oral cancer in the Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins University of the United States. Poor patients in the RCC are alleged to have been subjected to the trial which exposes them to toxicity from drugs which stand banned by the Federal Drugs Administration (FDA) in the United States. The substance used on the patients was the tetra methyl form of Nor Dihydro Gauceretic Acid (NGDA). The M4N developed by the Johns Hopkins University is in the unsafe category of the FDA.

This act is in total violation of the ethical and moral conventions of administering experimental medicines. Even a sanction from the Drugs Controller General of India is not obtained.

The entire episode had a new turn yesterday when the Johns Hopkins University, in its press release through website, stated that they have not entrusted to any agency the conduct of the study on this medicine and hence they have ordered an inquiry.

Since the matter is getting new dimensions of such a grave nature, the intervention of the Government of India becomes inevitable and hence an immediate inquiry is to be conducted into this matter. I would just add this, Sir. I understand that an inquiry has already been conducted by the